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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL CROP FORECAST CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a state-of-the-art National Crop Forecast Centre with the help of the Indian Space Research Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the centre is likely to be set up in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre, New Delhi has been set up as an Attached Office under the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and was inaugurated on 23.04.2012. The Centre has been set up to inter alia provide satellite imagery based inputs for assessing crop area and yield. These inputs will be used along with econometric & agro-meteorological parameters and ground observations to make crop forecasts in respect of selected crops. The Centre will also use remote sensing techniques to monitor and assess the drought situation in the country.